

REMARKS

Introduction:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-13 have been amended and claim 9 has been cancelled and rewritten as dependent claim 15. No new matter is being presented. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 10-15 are pending in the application and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections:

Claim 9 was objected for the reasons stated in the Office Action. However, claim 9 has been rewritten as new claim 15 in accordance with the Examiner's comments and, therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 5-8 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. However, since claims 5-8 and 10-13 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's comments in the Office Action and during the telephone interview of October 28, 2008, it is respectfully asserted that the rejections of these claims are overcome.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Matsuzaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,813,357). However, regarding the rejection of claim 1, it is noted that claim 1 now recites that the claimed key update information is "terminal unique," and that the Examiner has stated in paragraph 3 of the Office Action that, "such a limitation if added to the claims would further distinguish them from Matsuzaki." Accordingly, since claim 1 has been amended to reflect the Examiner's comments, applicant respectfully asserts that the claim is distinguished from Matsuzaki and that, therefore, the rejection of the claim is overcome.

Regarding the rejections of claims 2-14, it is noted that the rejections of these claims are overcome for at least similar reasons as set forth above.

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Conclusion:

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed phone number regarding this response or otherwise concerning the present application.

Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) or 1.136(b) which may be required for entry and consideration of the present Reply.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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